(c) Steps taken for effective implementation of the programme at the Centre and State level include:

(i) Periodical monitoring of implementation of the programme both at the Central and State/UT level.

(ii) Guidelines were issued by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training for nominating a member belonging to minority Community on the Selection Boards/Committees set up for recruitment of 10 or more vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' services of Central Ministries/ Deptts.

(iii) Under the pre-examination coaching scheme candidates belonging to backward sections among minorities are also being trained through the coaching institutions so as to enable them to compete with others in competitive examinations leading to recruitment in public employment and admission in professional courses. States/UTs have been asked to organise special physical training camps for minority candidates so as to enable them to compete effecitively in the recruitment for police services. A similar scheme is also being implemented by UGC through universities and colleges.

(iv) National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation was set up for providing concessional financial assistance to backward sections among minorities for setting up ventures to earn their livelihood.

(v) Scheme of multi-sectoral development plans has been launged in 41 minority concentration districts for the purpose of carrying out survey on the activities conspicuously pursued by minorities with a view to ascertain support required in form of credit, marketing, technology, training etc. and means to arrange them.

(vi) For promotion of education among minorities, Deptt. of Education is implementing schemes of area intensive programme and modernisation of Madarsa education. Ministry of Labour is implementing a scheme of ITIs for propagation of employment oriented technical education to minorities.

(vii) States/UTs were asked to issue orders to enable District Collectors to disburse ex-gratia to the victims of communal violence expenditiously under TR 27.

(viii) Effective monitoring of accrual of benefits to minorities under various development and poverty alleviation programme is being done.

Export of Steel

2209. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is emerging as a large seller and exporter of steel;

(b) if so, the demand, consumption and production figures of steel in the country during 1995-96 and the preceding three years; and

(c) the countries to which steel exports during the ensuing year are targetted, indicating the likely amount of exports to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Steel exports from India have shown a quantum increase in recent years. During the years 1994-95 and 1995-96, 1.3 million tonnes and 1.5 million tonnes respectively of saleable steel was exported by India.

(b) The apparent consumption of steel in a year is the actual demand in that year. Apparent consumption of steel is arrived at by subtracting export of steel from the total domestic production and import of steel in the country. Change in stock is also adjusted in arriving at the consumption figures. The apparent con-

sumption and production of finished steel in the country during the last 4 years was as under:

(Qty. in Million Tonnes)

Year	Apparent consumption	Production
1992-93	15.00	15.20
1993-94	15.32	15.20
1994-95	18.66	17.82
1995-96	21.65	21.40

(c) Export of steel and its destination depend on several factors such as domestic and international demand, domestic prices, steel prices in importing countries etc. These factors are usually dynamic and change frequently. Countries to which steel is exported from India include China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Australia and Germany.

Export of free sale sugar during 1995-96

2210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to allow the export of free sale sugar during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on the price of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In view of the surplus availability of sugar, Government, during the financial year 1995-96, had notified a quantity of 6.50 lakh tonnes of sugar out of freesale portion for commercial exports, through M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958. Since export of sugar was undertaken out of surplus sugar available in the country, it has not had any appreciable impact on the price of sugar in the country. Further, sugar prices in the open market are regulated through the mechanism of monthly releases of sugar.

Disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC

2211. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formula for disbursal of financial assistance by KVIC for different States;

(b) if so, the details of the formula; and

(c) the funds spent State-wise in 1994-95 and 1995-96 giving detailed information on Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lockout in M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industry

2212. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the plan of M/s. Mafatlal Engineering Industries Ltd. at Kalwe, Thane, Maharashtra which is under lockout since May, 1989;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to re-open or revive the said unit;

(c) whether any proposal has been put forward by the employees of the said unit to run it as a co-operative organisation;

(d) what are the impediments being faced in re-opening the said Unit as on date;

(e) whether the management of the said unit moved any petition before any authority to declare it as a sick unit; and

(f) if so, the response from the said authority?